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COMMUNISTS

SUMMARY: MR 3 HAS EMBARKED ON CAMPAIGN TO SHUT OFF FLOW OF
ESSENTIAL ITEMS WHICH SEEM TO MAKE WAY TO COMMUNIST SOURCES
VIA PROFITEERS AND OTHERS. KEY PERSONNEL OF REGION WERE TOLD
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AT SPECIAL MEETING JULY 14 THAT MOST PROVINCES ARE NOW UNDER

STRICT ECONOMIC CONTROLS AND THAT DRASTIC STEPS MUST BE TAKEN TO IDENTIFY AND ARREST THOSE INVOLVED. PROVINCE CHIEFS WERE INSTRUCTED TO CALL IN BUSINESSMEN AND MORE OR LESS THREATEN THEM WITH BANISHMENT FROM COMMUNITY IF CAUGHT TRADING WITH COMMUNISTS. END SUMMARY

1. MR 3 OFFICIALS HAVE COME UP WITH A PLAN WHICH THEY HOPE WILL CONTROL SEEMINGLY FREE FLOW OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO COMMUNIST SOURCES. THE PLAN COMBINES SERIES OF GVN INTERMINISTERIAL CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESULTS OF STUDY UNDERTAKEN BY TASK FORCE SET UP BY MR 3 CG LTG NGUYEN VAN MINH. IT PROVIDES FOR FOLLOWING:

A. PROVINCE CHIEFS ARE REQUIRED TO INVITE BUSINESSMEN TO A MEETING TO REMIND THEM THAT THOSE WHO ARE CAUGHT TRADING WITH COMMUNISTS MAY BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND BROUGHT BEFORE PROVINCE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR SENTENCING, WHICH MAY EVEN MEAN BANISHMENT FROM COMMUNITY.

B. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COORDINATE WITH NATIONAL POLICE, MILITARY POLICE, MILITARY SECURITY SERVICE, PF, PSDF IN IDENTIFICATION AND ARREST OF SMUGGLERS. LOCAL BUDGETS MAY BE USED TO PAY FOR INFORMATION.

C. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST MAINTAIN ACCURATE ESTIMATES OF LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND ONLY ISSUE REQUISITIONS TO PURCHASE GOODS CONSISTENT WITH SUCH REQUIREMENTS.

D. PROVINCE INSTRUMENTALITY RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC MATTERS IS REQUIRED TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT POSSIBLE FLOW OF GOODS TO ENEMY AREAS.

2. MINH'S MAN IN CHARGE OF PLAN IMPLEMENTATION, COLONEL NGUYEN VAN TU, OUTLINED DETAILS OF HIS CAMPAIGN DURING SPECIAL MEETING AT CORPS LEVEL LAST SATURDAY (JULY 14). TU TOLD ASSEMBLED PROVINCE CHIEFS, ARVN COMMANDERS AND ARRAY OF LESSER LIGHTS THAT ELIMINATION OF ENEMY SUPPLY SOURCES IS RELATED TO NATIONAL SECURITY. WITH THIS IN MIND, HE SAID, IT IS ESSENTIAL CONTROLS BE SET UP AT KNOWN ENEMY REQUISITION POINTS, OF WHICH, ACCORDING TO TU, THERE ARE 52 IN MR 3 -- TAY NINH (9); HAU NGHIA (7); BINH DUONG (9); PHUOC LONG (3); BIEN HOA (8); LONG KHANH (10); BINH TUY (3); AND PHUOC TUY (3).

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3. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF ABOVE:
COMMUNIST REQUISITION AND PURCHASING POINTS IN MR 3

HAU NGHIA		BIEN HOA	
1 SA NHO	XT 565265	1 KHANH VAN	XT 920190
2 GIA TAN	XT 480247	2 XOM VUONG	XT 042038
3 GIA BINH	XT 450210	3 DOC DAT	YT 075044
4 AN NINH	XT 420145	4 PHUOC NGUYEN	YS 125946
5 GO NOI	XT 590206	5 AN VIENG	YT 230010

6 AN TINH XT 550190 6 BINH SON YS 220940
7 AP GIUA XT 670080 7 THAI THIEN YS 227797
8 VUNG SONG THAO YT 240180
(TRANG BOM)

TAY NINH LONG KHANH
1 MO CONG XT 140616 1 AP DOAN KET YT 657462
2 DUONG SONG XT 020550 2 CAY SO 118 YT 603420
3 CHO MOI XT 001500 3 CAY SO 107 YT 523353
4. BEN SOI XT 095475 4 BAU HAM YT 295119
5 PHUOC TAN WT 988430 5 HUNG LOC YT 322095
6 SUOI DA XT 325545 6 BAO BINH YT 485035
7 CAU KHOI XT 385445 7 BAO CHANH YT 545114
8 BEN CAU XT 230300 8 GIA RAY YT 635127
9 CHO TROI XT 280250 9 AP BIA YS 749999
(BA AO) 10 CAM MY YS 463925

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BINH DUONG BINH TUY
1 BEN TRANH XT 525420 1 VO DAT YT 720340
2 BEN SUC XT 580338 2 BASE 5 ON QL-1 YS 840990
3 AP TRAI XT 643245 3 BASE 6 ON QL-1 YS 880990
4 BAU BANG XT 790455
5 VINH HOA XT 930480

6 PHUOC HOA XT 930420
7 TAN BINH XT 850375
8 BINH MY XT 920340
9 SUOI DON XT 850295

PHUOC LONG PHUOC TUY
1 CAU DAT GND)AUZATVQGMMPJRN
LVOLWKQSLZMFIW DLE
YS RTIOE ###

2. BAU KE YT 059690 2 PHU MY YS 248748
3 BAU DONG TRU XT 99853 3 LONG DAT YS 576613

4 TU SAID THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SAIGON, GIA DINH, VUNG
TAU AND FIVE DISTRICTS IN LONG AN PROVINCE (BINH PHUOC, TAN
TRU, CAN DUOC, CAN CUUOC AND RACH KIEN). MR3 IS NOW UNDER
COMPLETE ECONOMIC CONTROL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIME MINISTER
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CIRCULAR 077. GIA DINH PROVINCE, THOUGH NOT AFFECTED BY
CIRCULAR, WOULD NEVERTHELESS SUPPORT NEIGHBORING
PROVINCES BY APPLYING STRICT CONTROLS ON GOODS BEING TRANSPORTED
VIA GIA DINH HIGHWAYS EN ROUTE TO OUTLYING PROVINCES.

5. ONE OF MAJOR PROBLEMS HIGHLIGHTED BY TU WAS
APPREHENSION OF PEOPLE WHO ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN TRADE
WITH COMMUNISTS. TU REFERRED TO SUCCESS IN TAY NINH PROVINCE
BUT MADE POINT THAT PEOPLE ARRESTED THERE WERE ONLY SMALL FRY.
HE SAID THAT GVN PERSONNEL, INCLUDING TERRITORIAL FORCES,
SHOULD BE CONSTANTLY UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND ROTATED PERIODICALLY
TO PREVENT BRIBERY. (HE INDICATED THAT BRIBES ARE DIFFICULT TO
RESIST WHEN THEY ARE OFFERED BY PEOPLE IN HIGH PLACES). COUPLED
WITH THIS PROBLEM IS THE AVERAGE CITIZEN WHO DEALS WITH COM-
MUNIST SOLELY FOR PROFIT. HE CITED SEVERAL CASES OF PEOPLE
CAUGHT IN THE ACT WHO TURNED OUT TO BE RELATIVES OF MILITARY
PERSONNEL AND CIVIL SERVANTS. HE SUGGESTED THAT BEST WAY TO
CORRECT THIS PROBLEM WAS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ORGANIZE
SEMINARS FOR BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO EXPLAIN
DANGERS INHERENT IN TRADING WITH COMMUNISTS AS WELL AS MAXIMUM
PUNISHMENT METED OUT TO GUILTY.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS IS STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION, WE REMAIN
HIGHLY SKEPTICAL OF INTENDED RESULTS. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE
THAT TAY NINH PROVINCE CHIEF WAS ON RIGHT TRACK WHEN HE SAID
THAT PROBLEM RESIDES IN SAIGON (SEE BIEN HOA 298). WHAT HE
IMPLIED WAS THAT UNLESS GVN LEADERS SHUT OFF CONTRABAND AT
POINT OF ORIGIN, SMALL FISH WILL BE ONLY ONES CAUGHT IN GVN NET.
PRESIDENT THIEU HIMSELF WILL NEED TO SET A FEW EXAMPLES BY
MATCHING HIS WORDS WITH DEEDS IF HE WANTS CORRUPTION SPIGOT
TURNED OFF. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT SOME OF THE OFFICIALS
TO WHOM COLONEL TU WAS APPEALING FOR HELP ARE SUSPECTED OF

BEING EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION
ATTENDANT TRADING WITH ENEMY.
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